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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE WAR.

The Senate in Executive Session yesterday confirmed the following nominations by the President: Brig.-Gen. Wm. T. Sherman, United States Army, Major-General of Volunteers, to be Major-General, August 12, 1864, vice Wool retired. Brig.-Gen. Philip H. Sheridan, United States Army, Major-General of Volunteers, to be Major-General, November 8, 1864, vice McClellan resigned. Brig.-Gen. George H. Thomas, United States Army, Major-General of Volunteers, to be Major-General, Dec. 15, 1864, vice Fremant, resigned. Major Winfield S. Hancock, Quartermaster United States army and Major-General of Volunteers, to be Brig.-General, Aug. 12, 1864, vice McPherson, deceased. Capt. Philip H. Sheridan, 1st U. S. Infantry, Major-General of Volunteers, to be Brig.-Gen., Sept. 20, 1864, vice Sherman, appointed Major-General of Assistant-Surgeon Somerset Robbins to be Surgeon, Capt. John L. Broome to be Major in the Marine Corps; First-Lieut. William H. Parker to be Captain in the Marine Corps; Second-Lieut. Lewis E. Fagan to be First Lieutenant in the Marine Corps; Francis N. Hartington of District of Columbia to be Second-Lieutenant in the Marine Corps; First-Lieut. John A. Burroughs to be Captain in the Marine Corps; Second-Lieut. Frederick T. Post and Edward P. Meeker to be First-Lieutenants. Acting Volunteers Lieutenant William P. Hall to be Acting Volunteer-Lieutenant-Commander. Acting Masters J. S. Warner, James C. Gibson, George W. Rogers, John Rogers, Henry S. Wetmore, Jim W. Atkinson and Peter O. Kell to be Acting Volunteer-Lieutenants, for duty on the Mississippi Squadron.

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